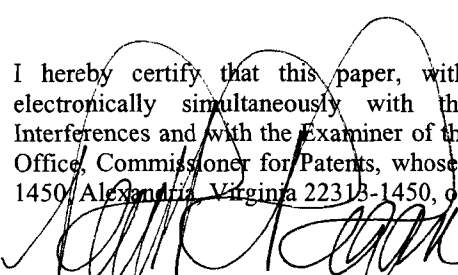


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APPELLANT'S RESPONSE TO DECISION OF BOARD

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On June 22, 2007 the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences ("Board") entered the Board's Decision on Appeal in connection with Appeal 2007-1504 involving the appeal of the Examiner's final office action ("Decision").

In the Decision the Board did not sustain the Examiner's rejection of independent claim 11 based on 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, and further held that (i) claims 1-3 do not lack